

**SUMMARY  
STATE ELECTION BOARD  
WEBINAR MEETING**

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**Wednesday, August 18, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.**

*As required by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e)(2)(A), the following is a summary of the subjects acted on and the board members present at the meeting.*

Madam Acting Chair Rebecca Sullivan called the State Election Board (“Board”) meeting to order at approximately 9:04 a.m. A quorum was established for each Board action with the following Board members in attendance: Acting Chair Sullivan, Anh Le, Sara Tindall Ghazal, and Matthew Mashburn.

**Introduction of New Board Member**

Acting Chair Sullivan welcomed the new Board member, Sara Tindall Ghazal to the board, as well as thanked the outgoing member, David Worley, for his 17 years of service to the Board.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the State Election Board meeting and hearings held on February 24, 2021 and April 28, 2021.

**Consideration of Rules to Post For Public Comment**

The Board voted to post the following rules for public comment in a block.

- 183-1-12-.08 Logic and Accuracy
- 183-1-12-.11 Conducting Elections
- 183-1-12-.12 Tabulating Results
- 183-1-12-.13 Storage of Returns
- 183-1-12-.18 Provisional Ballots
- 183-1-14-.12 Eligibility of Application for Absentee Ballot
- 183-1-14-.14 Early Absentee Ballot Processing and Reporting

**Appointment of Performance Review Panel**

The Board voted to approve the following persons to a Performance Review Panel of the Fulton County elections as requested by the requisite number of members of the General Assembly of Georgia.

Stephen Day- Gwinnett County

Rickey Kittle- Catoosa County

Ryan Germany- Office of the Georgia Secretary of State

## **Investigations Report**

### **A. Consent Cases**

**1. SEB Case No. 2020-256 and 2020-148 were granted a continuance and were pulled off the calendar.**

***\*The Board voted to dismiss the below remaining consent cases in a block:***

SEB Case No. 2019-025 City of College Park (Fulton County) (Voter Registration Gifts)  
SEB Case No. 2019-046 City of Forsyth (Monroe County) (Absentee Ballot Fraud)  
SEB Case No. 2020-049 Douglas County (Illegal Campaigning and Absentee Ballot Issues)  
SEB Case No. 2020-066 Morgan County (Illegal Photo in Polling Place)  
SEB Case No. 2020-110 Spalding County (Theft of Absentee Ballots)  
SEB Case No. 2020-121 Gwinnett County (Absentee Ballot Fraud)  
SEB Case No. 2020-133 Cherokee County (Absentee Ballot Processing)  
SEB Case No. 2020-136 Dekalb County (Illegal Campaigning)  
SEB Case No. 2020-142 Paulding County (Registration Fraud)  
SEB Case No. 2020-150 Fulton County (Improper Processing of Absentee Ballots by Elections Officials)  
SEB Case No. 2020-172 Harris County (Possession of Absentee Ballots)  
SEB Case No. 2020-192 Cobb County (Voter Eligibility)  
SEB Case No. 2020-236 Carroll County (Voter Registration Fraud)  
SEB Case No. 2020-237 Stephens/ Hall Counties (Failure to Post Notices)  
SEB Case No. 2020-251 Toombs County (Voter Intimidation)  
SEB Case No. 2020-253 Fulton County (Voter Registration Issue)  
SEB Case No. 2020-264 Morgan County (Unlawful Assistance)  
SEB Case No. 2020-276 Morgan County (Absentee Ballot Fraud)

### **B. Letter Cases**

**2. SEB Case No. 2020-114 Newton County (Illegal Campaigning)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's office for the allegations against Respondent Ezell Brown, and for all other respondents to be issued a Letter of Instruction.

**3. SEB Case No. 2020-139 Dekalb County (Absentee Ballot Issue)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to grant the case a continuance.

**4. SEB Case No. 2020-291 Stewart County (Photographing Ballot)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative finding, the Board voted to issue the Respondent a Letter of Instruction.

***\*The Board voted to issue a Letter of Instruction to the below remaining letter cases in a block:***

SEB Case No. 2020-098 Fulton County (Illegal Campaigning)

SEB Case No. 2020-268 Henry County (Voter Privacy)

SEB Case No. 2020-284 McIntosh County (Photographing Ballot)

### **Break**

At 10:02 am, the Board took a break. The Board returned to the meeting at 10:10 am.

### **C. New Cases**

#### **5. SEB Case No. 2019-002 Fulton County (Elector Absentee Ballots)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's Office.

#### **6. SEB Case No. 2019-018 Wilkes County (Failure to Consistently Maintain Normal Business Hours)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's Office for the allegations against Former Chief Registrar Debbie Anderson and that a Letter of Instruction be issued to the Wilkes County Board of Registrars.

#### **7. SEB Case No. 2019-037 City of Glennville (Tattnall County)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's Office.

#### **8. SEB Case No. 2019-045 City of Guyton (Effingham County) (Tabulation and Processing of Ballots)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's Office.

#### **9. SEB Case No. 2019-047 Lowndes County (Failure to Confirm Identity of Voter)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's Office for the allegations against Doug Duvall and Anthony Johnson, and that the Respondent Frances Butler be issued a Letter of Instruction.

#### **10. SEB Case No. 2019-049 City of Palmetto (Fulton County) (Precinct Change)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's Office.

**11. SEB Case No. 2019-052 Brooks County (City of Quitman) (Cast Ballot)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's Office.

**12. SEB Case No. 2019-053 City of Hogansville (Campaign Violation)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's Office.

**13. SEB Case No. 2020-025 Liberty County (Polling Place Issues)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's Office.

**14. SEB Case No. 2020-095 DeKalb County (Voting by Unqualified Voter)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's Office.

**15. SEB Case No. 2020-134 Newton County (Deceased Voter)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's Office.

**16. SEB Case No. 2020-157 Spalding County (Elections Supplies Issues)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's Office.

**Executive Session And Break**

At 12:06 p.m., the Board entered executive session. As authorized by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), this portion of the Board meeting was closed for the Board to "consult and meet with legal counsel on matters pertaining to pending or potential litigation ... brought to or to be brought by or against the [Board]." No votes were made during executive session. At 12:46 p.m., the Board voted to move out of executive session.

**Investigations Report (Continued)**

**C. New Cases (Continued)**

**17. SEB Case No. 2020-165 Greene County (Absentee Ballot Issues)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's Office.

**18. SEB Case No. 2020-170 Bartow County (Suspicious Absentee Ballots)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to dismiss the case.

**19. SEB Case No. 2020-184 Cobb County (Absentee Ballot Issues)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to dismiss the case.

**20. SEB Case No. 2020-194 Floyd County (Missing Ballots)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's Office.

**21. SEB Case No. 2020-205 Fulton County (UOCAVA Complaints)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to bind the case over to the Attorney General's Office.

**Attorney General Report**

As recommended in the report, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent orders, for the following cases:

**Consent Orders**

SEB Case No. 2014-015	Candler County
SEB Case No. 2017-040	Fulton County
SEB Case No. 2017-047	Troup County
SEB Case No. 2017-058	Early County
SEB Case No. 2017-075	Clayton County
SEB Case No. 2017-088	Fulton County
SEB Case No. 2018-002	Irwin County
SEB Case No. 2018-020; and	Fayette County
SEB Case No. 2020-197; and	
SEB Case No. 2020-216*	
SEB Case No. 2018-022; and	Floyd County
SEB Case No. 2020-041*	
SEB Case No. 2018-031	Gwinnett County
SEB Case No. 2018-034	Lowndes County
SEB Case No. 2018-070	Lowndes County
SEB Case No. 2018-068	Talbot County
SEB Case No. 2018-088	Bulloch County
SEB Case No. 2019-029	Catoosa County
SEB Case No. 2020-020	Telfair County
SEB Case No. 2020-088	Hart County
SEB Case No. 2020-116	Haralson County
SEB Case No. 2020-119	Macon County
SEB Case No. 2020-131	Bacon County
SEB Case No. 2020-207	Chattooga County
SEB Case No. 2020-216	Gwinnett County

***\*Consolidated Cases***

As recommended in the report, the Board voted to dismiss the following cases:

**Dismissals**

SEB Case No. 2017-048     Carroll County

SEB Case No. 2020-267     Fulton County

**Adjournment**

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:46 p.m.